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UNHCR welcomes new funding from Japan to support vulnerable people in Yemen

***YEMEN** UNHCR welcomes Japan's announcement of USD 1.8 million in funding to support over 245,000 internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in Yemen.*

The Government and people of Japan have generously contributed USD 1.8 million to protect and assist internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities across Yemen.

Japan's funding will relieve the dire conditions of thousands of vulnerable displaced families affected by conflict throughout Yemen, one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. As the economic situation deteriorates, protection and humanitarian needs are rising for displaced persons at a rapid pace and durable solutions are still limited.

"Efforts continue to improve protection conditions and access to basic rights for all forcibly displaced people. Working towards durable solutions remains crucial," says Maya Ameratunga, UNHCR Representative in Yemen. "Cash assistance is critical for mitigating socio-economic vulnerabilities, deterring people from resorting to harmful coping mechanisms that trigger protection risks, and generating positive outcomes. We are grateful to Government and people of Japan for their support to UNHCR's cash assistance programs in Yemen."

With Japan's support, 20,000 vulnerable Yemenis will receive cash assistance to meet their urgent food, shelter, health or other basic needs. Furthermore, 3,000 IDPs will receive legal assistance, and 5,000 IDP families will be assessed and referred to specialized support services. With this contribution, UNHCR will also be able to support peaceful existence, social cohesion and improved living conditions of vulnerable displaced populations and their host communities through quick infrastructure projects to benefit nearly 50,000 people.

Japan's contribution to UNHCR in 2023 reflects its longstanding engagement with UNHCR and its commitment to address the urgent humanitarian and protection needs in Yemen. "Cash assistance is a dignified form of assistance, which allows displaced and vulnerable Yemenis to prioritize their immediate and most urgent needs, be it healthcare, education, rent for a shelter or food. We are pleased to pilot this initiative in Yemen, one of the world's largest humanitarian crises", says Kazuhiro Higashi, Charge affairs at the Embassy of Japan.

In March 2023, the people of Yemen will enter their ninth year of conflict. The conflict in Yemen continues to wreck the economy, reverse pre-conflict development gains, and exacerbate current and new vulnerabilities, notably on women and girls. In 2023, an estimated 21.6 million people will need humanitarian assistance and protection services (HNO 2023), over two over four million displaced Yemenis in dire need. Some 17.7 million people are estimated to be in need of protection services.

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